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## ULI names Vision Award winners

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HOLLYWOOD - Despite today's challenging real estate market, 430 local industry leaders - a record turnout - gathered to celebrate South Florida's best and brightest at the 4rd Annual Vision Awards dinner, hosted by the SE/Caribbean District Council of the Urban Land Institute (ULI) at the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, Hollywood.

"To get a turnout like this during a market like this is a genuine tribute to the honorees and a reflection of the industry's outstanding work in a tough market that is just beginning to see signs of recovery," says Eric Swanson, executive VP, Flagler, and chair of the local District Council.

2010 Project of the Year awards were given to:

- West Palm Beach City Center and Waterfront, a six-year public sector project transforming a section of downtown with a new 150,000sf City Hall and a state-of-the-art 85,000sf public library, along with a Waterfront promenade encompassing nearly a mile of multi-functional performance spaces, lawns, gardens and pavilions. West Palm Beach Mayor Lois Frankel accepted the award on behalf of the city.

- Fifth and Alton, a 180,000sf, three-level vertical retail shopping center and a six-story, 1,080-space parking garage covers an entire city block at the entrance to the Art Deco District of Miami Beach, and incorporates a historic 1920's pharmacy building into the edgy architecture. The project is 96% leased. Jeff Berkowitz of Berkowitz Development accepted the award on behalf of the project.

Other finalists for Project of the Year included The Boca Beach Club & One Thousand Ocean in Boca Raton, the Barcardi USA Headquarters Building in Coral Gables and The W Hotel in Fort Lauderdale.

The 2010 Lifetime Achievement Award went to developer/philanthropist Tibor Hollo, founder and CEO of Florida East Coast Realty in Miami. An icon in development circles for more than half a century, Hollo and his company have built more than 55 msf in development such as the Mikado, Bay Parc Plaza and 2020 Ponce.

A Hungarian Holocaust survivor who played water polo for France in the 1948 Olympics, Hollo and his wife Shelia are well-known in philanthropic circles, supporting more than 40 charities. In accepting the award, the 82 year old Hollo thanked ULI for the recognition and commented that "it was a shame to give the award to someone so young." He currently is planning to build the \$1.8 billion, 80-story One Bayfront Plaza development in downtown Miami.

The Young Leader of the Year Award is presented to a real estate practitioner 35 years of age or younger. The 2010 award went to Andrew Duffell, senior vice president for business recruitment, retention and expansion of the Business Development Board of Palm Beach County. He has overseen the recruitment and expansion of 96 companies to Palm Beach County, adding \$3 billion in economic output and 8,500 jobs to the county in the past five years. He had a leadership role in the recruitment of the Max Planck research facilities to South Florida.



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